

An aerial photograph of a rural agricultural landscape. The terrain is covered in vibrant green crops, likely rice, arranged in a patchwork of irregular fields separated by narrow dirt paths and low earthen walls. In the center-left, a small, simple hut with a thatched roof sits on a slight rise. To the right, a rectangular pond reflects the sky, surrounded by more fields. The bottom of the image shows a denser line of tropical trees and vegetation. A black semi-transparent banner is overlaid on the left side, containing white text.

AGRICULTURAL USE

MCC 3.48.325

Maui County Code 3.48.325:

“The purpose of this code is to encourage the owners of lands, which are situated within the agricultural district, suitable for agriculture, to put that land to agricultural uses on a sustained basis, and to discourage (by tax recapture) the conversion of such lands or the reduction or subdivision of agricultural land parcels to less than reasonable economic size.”

(MCC 3.48.325 Rules & Regulations)



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Per Maui County Code 3.48.325 and the Rules & Regulations of the Director of Finance:

- “Lands actually put to agricultural use, adhering to acceptable standards to produce crop, specific livestock, including ranching use.”
- “Crops are in cultivation and farm management efforts, such as weed or pruning control, plowing, including housing, fencing and water facilities for livestock and pasturing of animals are clearly evident.” 🍏

AGRICULTURAL USE:

Agricultural Use does not include nor apply to areas used primarily as yard space, setbacks, or open landscape associated with residential use, planted with fruit and ornamental trees, flowers and vegetables primarily for home use. 🌱



What we look for:

Diversified Use

- Crops planted in rows
- Irrigation system
- Crops are well-maintained and not overgrown
- Harvesting/marketing schedule
- Evidence such as an IRS Schedule F (Profit or Loss from Farming), sales receipts, GET license



Pasture Use 🔍

- Fencing, water and shelter
- Pasture rotation/marketing schedule
- Evidence such as an IRS Schedule F, GET license, farm insurance and/or lease agreement with a rancher



Diversified Use:

- Farming equipment
- Employees



EXAMPLES 

Diversified Use:

- Healthy crops in neat rows
- Watering system



- Pruning/plowing
- Weed control



Diversified Use:

- Orchard 🍏



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Pasture Use:



EXAMPLES



Pasture Use:

- Completely Fenced
- Water and shelter for animals



Pasture Use:



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Mahalo!



Compliance & Enforcement Section